



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Rep. Norman K. Thurston, Vice Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 and February 17, 2021 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

1 . H.J.R. 12 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Special Session Appropriations (Last, B.)

Rep. Last introduced the bill.

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.J.R. 12 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

2 . H.B. 308 Covid-19 Vaccine Amendments (Spendlove, R.)

Rep. Spendlove introduced the bill.

Rep. Thurston resumed the chair.

Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute, spoke in support of the bill.

Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to amend H.B. 308 with Amendment #2. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 2
H.B. 308

1. Page 1, Line 15:
15 for COVID-19; ~~{and}~~

▶ provides exceptions to the prohibition in this bill; and

2. Page 2, Line 58 through Page 3, Line 62:

58 (4) Subsection (2) does not include:

59 (a) facilitating the distribution, dispensing, administration, coordination, or provision

60 of an emergency COVID-19 vaccine; ~~{or}~~

(b) an employee of a governmental entity who is:

(i) acting in a health or medical setting; and

(ii) required to receive vaccinations in order to perform the employee's assigned duties and responsibilities; or

61 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) enforcement by a governmental entity of a non-discretionary requirement under

62 federal law.

Yeas-10

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. W. Brooks

Rep. S. Waldrip

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost

Rep. P. Lyman

Rep. A. Maloy

Rep. M. Petersen

Rep. V. Peterson

Rep. C. Pierucci

Rep. S. Pitcher

Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. D. Welton

MOTION: Chair Thurston moved to amend H.B. 308 with Amendment #3. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 3
H.B. 308

1. Page 1, Line 15:
15 for COVID-19; ~~{and}~~

▶ provides exceptions to the prohibition in this bill; and

2. Page 2, Line 58 through Page 3, Line 62:

58 (4) Subsection (2) does not include:

59 (a) facilitating the distribution, dispensing, administration, coordination, or provision

60 of an emergency COVID-19 vaccine; ~~{or}~~

(b) an employee of a governmental entity who is:

(i) acting in a public health or medical setting; and

(ii) required to receive vaccinations in order to perform the employee's assigned duties and responsibilities; or

61 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) enforcement by a governmental entity of a non-discretionary requirement under

62 federal law.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Waldrip

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 308 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Waldrip

3 . H.B. 347 Homeless Services Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill assisted by Pamela Atkinson, Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in support of the bill.

Jean Hill, Catholic Diocese and Salt Lake Valley Coalition on Homelessness, spoke in support of the bill.

Andrew Johnston, Salt Lake City Council, spoke in support of the bill.

Kim Coleman, former Representative, spoke to the bill.

Dave Kelly, Chair, Pioneer Park Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Levy Woodruff, citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Scott Howell, Pioneer Park Coalition, spoke to the bill.

Dave McEuen, Pioneer Park Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Michelle Flynn, Executive Director, The Road Home, spoke in support of the bill.

Rick Graham, Vice Chair, Pioneer Park Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to replace H.B. 347 with 1st Substitute H.B. 347. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. C. Pierucci

MOTION: Rep. Brooks moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 347 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-7

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-1

Rep. M. Petersen

Absent-3

Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

4 . H.B. 246 Ballot Measure Transparency Amendments (*Christiansen, S.*)

Rep. Christiansen introduced the bill assisted by Josh Daniels, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Utah County, and Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor.

Lauren Simpson, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. D. Welton

Nays-1

Rep. C. Pierucci

Absent-2

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. V. Peterson

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.